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SUBJ: WAGE AND PRICE INCREASES

1. EXCO MEETING OF JULY 13 RESULTED IN TWO DECISIONS WITH SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON LIVING CONDITIONS. FIRST DECISION PROVIDES FOR SUBSTANTIAL (GENERALLY 10 PERCENT OR MORE, BUT FOR SOME ITEMS AS MUCH AS 46 PERCENT) INCREASE IN PRICES FOR MOST FRESH MEAT CUTS, PARTICULARLY BEEF AND PORK. SECOND DECISION PROVIDES FOR SALARY INCREASES FOR NUMEROUS CATEGORIES OF WORKERS AND EMPLOYEES, ALTHOUGH INCREASE APPEARS TO BE EARLIER APPLICATION OF RAISES ALREADY PROVIDED BY PLAN.

2. WHILE SALARY INCREASES WERE EXPECTED, SUCH SHARP RISE IN FOOD PROCES WERE NOT, AND APPEAR TO BE BEYOND THE GUIDELINES OF PLANNED OVERALL PRICE INDEX RISE OF LESS THAN ONE PERCENT. NEW MEAT PRICE STRUCTURE COULD BE RESULT OF GOR WISH TO REDUCE DOMESTIC CONSUMPTION OF BEEF, VEAL AND PORK IN FAVOR OF INCREASED EXPORTS, AND TO ENCOURAGE CONSUMPTION OF LOWER COST POULTRY MEAT. MARTENS

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